



# LEAH VUKMIR

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### **Senator Vukmir – Statement on State of the State address**

**Madison, WI** – Governor Scott Walker delivered his State of the State Address Tuesday night. The following is a statement from State Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Brookfield):

“Governor Walker made it clear that growing jobs and continuing to improve our state’s economy remains a top priority. It is crucial that we continue to be mindful that Wisconsin taxpayers appreciate the fiscal responsibility we’ve demonstrated, and I pledge to continue those efforts.

“Moving forward, we will continue our job creating efforts, by initially focusing on addressing the skills gap. It is imperative that Wisconsinites who want work are able to locate employment and employers wanting to hire are able to locate qualified talent.

“According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Wisconsin’s unemployment rate has dropped from 8.2% when Governor Walker took office in late 2010 to 4.2% in late 2015. Initial weekly unemployment claims averaged the lowest level since 1989.

“As the governor said, the state of our state is, indeed, strong. Wisconsin has made great strides turning around our economy in the last five years. Our labor force participation rate is 67.8% — one of the top 10 in America. I am eager to work with Governor Walker and my colleagues in the legislature to foster a friendly business climate and build a strong 21st century workforce in Wisconsin.”

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